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CONGRATULATIONS

LEAPING WOLF BADGE

MARTIJN WILDERVANCK of 1st Algoa Sea Scouts

SCOUT WEEK

A quality one-day event of Scouting was on display at Art in the Park, St George's Park, Port Elizabeth, on Sunday 1st July. Martin de Bruyn, ADC Scout Programme, was the organizer. A well-built joint campsite was planned for display and walk-through purposes. The Cubs were also there doing their usual fun participation activities.



Scout Week

NEW APPOINTMENTS

The following lay members have been elected to serve on the Area Committee. We thank them for their dedication.

Mr Arnold Witte – Area Finance Chairman

Mr Noel Smith – Area Property Chairman



Scout Week

CENSUS 2001...

will take place at 31st July 2001. Please check your Group list on the computer at Head Quarters to verify that these figures are a true reflection as at that date. Failing that, the figures reflected on the 1st August will be assumed to be correct and your Group will be charged subscription accordingly.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

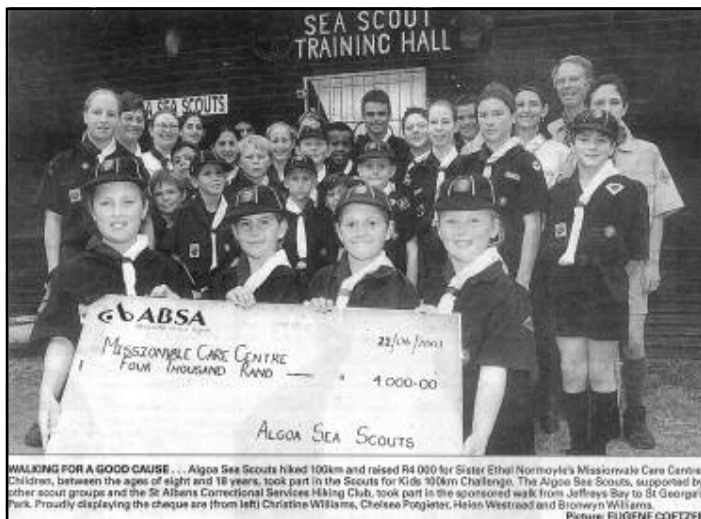
02 – 07 July	Scout Week
07 July	St. Johns Ambulance First Aid Course, Port Elizabeth
14 July	St. Johns Ambulance First Aid Course, Port Elizabeth
21 July	St. Johns Ambulance First Aid Course exam, Port Elizabeth
26 July	East London See-O-Nee
29 July	Haig Trophy – Scout First Aid Competition
12 August	1st Cotswold Scout Soccer Challenge
14 August	Troop Council Meeting
16 August	Port Elizabeth See-O-Nee

18 – 19 August	SATAC – South African Training Advisory Council, Gilwood
24 August	IAL – Introduction to Adult Leadership, S.E. Region, Butterworth
25 August	Walton Trophy – Cub First Aid Competition
29 September	KTV Day
10-19 Dec	7th South African National Jamboree, SANJAMB 2001, Vaal Dam, Gauteng
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02-12 January	7th Gilcoast PLTU, East London
25 – 28 April	POW WOW, Cape Eastern
28 Dec-08 Jan 2003	20th World Jamboree, Thailand

100 KM CHALLENGE HIKE

The 100 km Challenge Hike was the brainchild of Algoa Sea Scouts. We are pleased to announce that an astounding R4000, raised from sponsorship, has been donated to Sister Ethel Normoyle's Missionvale Care Centre. The Algoa Sea Scouts, supported by other Scout Groups i.e. St. Columba's, St. Croix, 1st Cotswold and Aston Bay, and the St. Albans Correctional Services Hiking Club took part in the sponsored hike from Jeffreys Bay to St. George's Park, Port Elizabeth. Well done to all!

With acknowledgements to Algoa Anchor News, the following extracts from a report by Melanie Lower, Chairman of Algoa Sea Scout committee. Your children take part in many activities over the years but something that drains them mentally and physically, such as this hike, fills one with pride beyond words. Everyone, at all times, showed the spirit of Scouting. Together with Avril, we served lunch at about 15:00 on Saturday, just before Thornhill. The atmosphere was really buzzing. A few walkers had to be treated for blisters and sore muscles, and some looked more tired than others, but they ate well and once again we waved them on their way. We were not to meet them again till 23:00 (at the 50 km mark) for hot chocolate, rusks and sandwiches. They really were tired, they collapsed, blended with the tarmac, yet thinking back, the spirit was still there. The funny remarks, and laughter between all the moans and groans didn't stop. Dassie decided he needed some rest in the bussie and Brad and Beaver decided to follow his example. Butterfly was also suffering, yet she looked quite comfortable on her back on the tarmac, with her feet up against the car. Algoa Scouts, Kevin and Stanley, really did well. Everyone (a bit) rested, the signal to move on was given. On Sunday morning I phoned Swan to hear they were already at Spar Miramar at 7am. We had anticipated for them to arrive there around 9am. Together with Larry, Swan and Chill we prepared everything at the Den for the reception. AC Ernie Pike and Leslie, and ADC Scotty witnessed the arrival of all the walkers in different stages of "zombie mode". Sister Ethel (of Missionvale Care Centre) arrived and was so obviously taken with all those who participated in the hike, no matter how far they managed to walk, and visibly felt the pain many of them were feeling. She had a special hug for each and every one who took part in the walk.



Ack. EP Herald.

THREE LADY SCOUTERS SPEND WEEKEND IN JAIL FOR SCOUTING

Yes, it's true, the three of us, Hilda, Hilary and myself, travelled to Cape Town to "do time" with our friends from Cape Western in Groot Drakenstein Jail. We reported to the gates at 4.pm on Friday 27th April when the gates were ceremoniously locked. Our cell phones and watches were confiscated, we put on our stripes and from then on the weekend was measured in "this much", "so much", or "not much" time. At least the shower water and coffee was hot. All meals were delicious, but we were only allowed a spoon to eat with. We earned tokens for "good" behaviour, and lost tokens for "bad" behaviour. But we had tremendous fun, renewed friendships, and made new friends. We also learned a lot of new ideas, new games, new ways of doing old skills, new songs, lots of new ideas and new skills. We went night stalking and scavenger hunting, but most of all we had FUN, and lots of it. Imagine playing soccer while chained (with rope) to five other inmates. Imagine being chained together for a whole morning while playing games, following a string obstacle course blindfolded, play acting and miming, and other bodily functions!!!! – we certainly got to know everybody.



THE "GUILTY PARTY"

L – R Hilary Graham, Hilda De Vroom, Jan Hopkins

The campfire on Friday evening was a magic affair, with handmade candle holders made of hollowed out grapefruit, sitting around burning candles in a huge hollowed out pumpkin. Lots of new "jail" songs were sung, including new versions of "Jailhouse Rock" and "Release Me". Bedtime on Friday was very welcome for some, but a few inmates preferred to sit up and chat. However, the peace and quiet was soon shattered with four blasts of a whistle – fire drill. "Assemble in the courtyard for roll call". The sight of us all standing around in various forms of nightwear would have made a prison ghost howl with laughter.

But all things come to an end and Sunday afternoon came around all too soon, and it was time for Scouts Own and final closing. Our cell phones and watches were returned, but you know, we hadn't really missed them because when you are in the company of good friends and enjoying yourself, time does not matter.

Thank you Donald and Shirley and your team in Cape Western. Keep inviting us to Team Scream.

Jan Hopkins

1st NEWTON PARK CUBS "DO THEIR BEST" FOR THE COMMUNITY

Whilst discussing a Pack Good Turn a couple of months ago with Baloo, our Cubs decided they wanted to help the "Rescue Horses" that they had seen on "50/50" being rescued from the Baviaanskloof / Kareedouw Area. From there the germ grew. Baloo and Chil put the wheels in motion, contacted Glenn Lewin at Animal Welfare, and to cut a long story short, over the last couple of months the Pack, assisted by the Troop, collected pet food for cats, dogs, horses, hamsters, rabbits, fish, birds and all manner of animals, as well as lucerne for Starlight and Braveheart.

Several parents also came forward and acquired cash donations amounting to almost R1000, as well as substantial pet food donations.

On Saturday 5th May the two horses, Starlight and Braveheart, were on display at Walmer Park Shopping Centre for the general public to see how much they had improved in only 8 weeks since their rescue. SABC TV were there to do a follow-up story to their "50/50" story.

Our Cubs jumped on the bandwagon in the form of Chil's truck and loaded all the donated animal food and lucerne onto the back of the truck, which Chil drove to Walmer Park so that the Cubs and Scouts could meet the truck there and officially hand over their donation to Animal Welfare. As seen in the photograph, the truck was very full and Glenn was highly delighted and impressed by our efforts. The cash will also keep him going in food for a while.

Although this is not the end of the story, we would like to thank all the individuals and companies who donated cash or pet food. We will be following up with Animal Welfare on Starlight and Braveheart's recovery, and also visiting the other animals there.

Akela Jan Hopkins



Collecting Donations Outside Spar, Newton Park
L - R Phillip, Steven, Keith, Warren



A truckload of food for Animal Welfare

INTRODUCTION TO ADULT LEADERSHIP COURSES

Eighty new scouters attended two I.A.L. Courses. One in East London in June (57 participants) and the other at Mount Frere, 8th and 9th of June 2001 (23 participants). We must congratulate the Commissioners in this exceptional development of Scouting in their Regions.

HONESTY:

It's better to tell the truth and run, than to lie and get caught in the act.

William C Hunter

LEADERSHIP:

The ultimate test of a leader is that he leaves behind him the conviction for the others to carry on.

Hannibal

OUTTRAY ON THE INTERNET

You can now download a copy of the Outtray over the Internet. Current and past issues are now available at:

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BADEN-POWELL HOUSE HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION RATES - 2001

From time to time scouters and scouts look for accommodation when visiting London. Baden-Powell House was built with monies donated by scouts and scouters throughout the World in the 1950's and 1960's to have somewhere to stay when visiting London. The structure is beautiful and fits in well with the up-market area of South Kensington - right alongside the Natural History Museum, on the corner of Cromwell Road and Queen's Gate. The accommodation has just been up-graded to have en-suite facilities and are fully air-conditioned. Even if these rates look like a lot of money to us South Africans, by London standards they are a bargain. The Scout Rate is as follows: Single Room - Bpound 44 - Twin Room 33 - 3 Bedded Room 30 - Pull-out-bed 12. Family Bed 27.50 (adult) 16 (child) Dormitory Bed 22 (adult) 16 (child) Dormitory Rooms have bunk beds. These Rates are per person per night and include an English breakfast. Lunches and Suppers are available at about Bpound 6 each extra. Public Rates are about 50% higher. B-P House is just 5 minute walk from South Kensington or Gloster Road Underground stations on the Circle, District and Piccadilly Lines.

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Troop Scouter, Tembisa Gonya presenting the Scouts of the Mtunzi Troop with their scarves.



Letitia Tshetu investing cubs of the Mtunzi Pack. Pack Scouter, Noloyiso Sikade in the background.



Sabelo Mtanyana showing other scouts how to pack a rucksack at the Introduction to Adult Leadership Course - Mount Frere.

SCOUTING - WORLDWIDE

I have just recently returned from a trip overseas and while there, visited a number of Scout Troops/Packs and Scout Activities. On the 15 June - a Sea Scout Troop meeting on the Isle of Dogs, London then on the 20st a village Troop at Pontesbury (near Shewsbury). Over the Channel to a sailing day with a Troop and Pack in Leiden, Holland - both of the latter with old Scouters that had helped me run my troop here in Port Elizabeth in the 1960's. Old scouters never die - they don't even fade away! **Kiwit**



Cub Investiture at Nonledo Pack, Central Region. Akela Thobeka Tshineka and Group Scouter are looking on. This is a farm school. Parents are very supportive. Boys have uniform. Many parents attended.



"Rush" Nkolisa demonstrating knotting with Troop Scouters at Isinamva - Mount Frere on 8th and 9th June 2001.



Newly invested Cubs of the 1st Smiling Valley Pack. Behind the Cubs are Mr. Z. W. Sitama, Pack Scouter - Stella Masoabi. The Pack Helper and a member of the Girl Guides and Ms. Letitia Tshetu.

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